1	2	11	12	13	14	15	16
6.	Gujarat	8560.71	3737.11	43 65	109.14	67.47	61.82
7.	Haryana	1664.49	1082.83	65.05	15.73	9.84	62.56
8.	Himachal Pradesh	888.34	408.60	46.00	7.63	7.38	96.72
9.	J & K	1320.98	644.61	48.80	47.27	20.91	44.24
10.	Karnataka	13079.72	7471.66	57.12	255.74	154.81	60.53
11.	Kerala	3465.27	2629.05	75.87	59.73	32.71	54.76
12.	Madhya Pradesh	26383.22	11961.01	45.34	444.97	217.21	48.81
13.	Maharashtra	20883.18	9985.45	47.82	469.32	251.20	53.52
14.	Manipur	404.22	134.57	33.29	3.20	3.00	93.75
15.	Meghalaya	884.42	258.96	29.28	4.35	5.06	116.32
16.	Mizoram	103.53	84.93	82.03	2.29	1.48	64.63
17.	Nagaland	849.02	164.41	19.36	6.54	4.18	63.91
18.	Orissa	17986.54	10164.03	56.51	321.32	224.89	69.99
19.	Punjab	3162.87			15.62		0.00
20.	Rajasthan	8894.04	5214.12	58.62	162.92	102.84	63.12
21.	Sikkim	49.84	145.79	292.53	1.49	2.17	145.64
22.	Tamil Nadu	11884.95	10565.05	88.89	406.90	256.78	63.11
23.	Tripura	402.31	662.00	164.55	6.35	14.85	233.86
24.	Uttar Pradesh	48399.30	27568.07	56.96	603.21	504.35	83.61
25.	West Bengal	13196.86	8714.16	66.03	221.86	125.83	56.72
26.	A & N Island	25.13	28.57	0.00	1.25	0.45	36.00
27.	D & N Haveli	104.63	21.63	20.67	0.65	0.51	78.46
28.	Daman & Diu	57.86	15.11	26.11	0.85	0.27	31.76
29.	Lakshdweep	54.81	31.31	57.12	0.80	0.57	71.25
30.	Pondicherry	173.90	91.82	52.80	1.74	1.16	66.67
	Total	253116.32	138477.07	54.71	4141.17	2610.12	63.03

Non-Utilisation of Funds

2855. SHRI N.J. RATHWA : Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether funds have been allocated to various States including Gujarat under Jawahar Rozgar Yojana during the last three years;

(b) if so, the state-wise details therefo, till date;

(c) whether the Government are aware that these funds are being misutilised by committing irregularities in the development works undertaken through Sarpanchs under Jawahar Rozgar Yojana and the Government funds are being paid without doing any work in most of the cases;

(d) if so, whether the Government have received any complaints in this regard so far; and

(e) whether the Union Government propose to conduct any comprehensive inquiry/review by any Central Monitoring Committee of the works undertaken by Sarpanchs under the Jawahar Rozgar Yojana in the country and particularly in Gujarat and the casers of gross misuse of Government funds?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRADEO PRASAD VARMA) : (a) and (b) Under Jawahar Rozgar Yojana (JRY), funds allocated to various States including Gujarat during 1994-95, 1995-96 and 1996-97 are as per statement-I to III.

(c) to (e) Whenever any complaint is received for misutilization of JRY funds, the matter is referred to the State Government for taking necessary and remedial action accordingly. In addition, Government has issued instructions to all the State Governments to constitute vigilance and monitoring committees at State, District and Block levels to supervise, monitor and review the implementation of all programmes implemented by this Ministry including JRY to curb misutilization of funds.

Statement-I (I)

Performance under JRY (Ist + IInd Stream) during 1994-95.

S.No.	State/UTs	Unutilised Balance As on 1.4.95	Total Allocation			Resources Released		
			Centre	State	Total (Rs. in Lakhs)	Centre	State	Total
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
1.	Andhra Pradesh	7165.19	26674.97	6668.74	33343.71	27073.81	6768.45	33842.26
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	192.95	258.01	64.50	322.51	143.14	35.79	178.93
3.	Assam	3848.72	7136.97	1784.24	8921.21	7425.55	1856.39	9281.94
4.	Bihar	10888.37	56309.45	14077.36	70386.81	55738.23	13934.56	69672.79
5.	Goa	191.28	278.77	69.69	348.46	278.77	69.69	348.46
6.	Gujarat	3764.02	11068.29	2767.07	13835.36	10870.15	2717.54	13587.69
7.	Haryana	467.75	1911.69	477.92	2389.61	2187.03	546.76	2733.79
8.	Himachal Pradesh	150.80	885.81	221.45	1107.26	1188.96	297.24	1486.20
9.	J & K	2391.05	2483.00	620.75	3103.75	2253.74	563.44	2817.18
10.	Karnataka	5978.59	18329.15	4582.29	22911.44	18989.61	4747.40	23737.01
11.	Kerala	0.00	5296.09	1324.02	6620.11	5738.13	1434.53	7172.66
12.	Madhya Pradesh	13293.84	39686.67	9916.67	49583.34	39798.74	9949.69	49748.43
13.	Maharashtra	14326.19	31808.14	7952.04	39760.18	27875.79	6968.95	34844.74
14.	Manipur	406.57	330.69	82.67	413.36	291.04	72.76	363.80
15.	Meghalaya	537.94	386.94	96.74	483.68	366.08	91.52	457.60
16.	Mizoram	150.18	163.00	40.75	203.75	162.70	40.68	203.38
17.	Nagaland	112.65	414.77	103.69	518.46	414.76	103.69	518.45
18.	Orissa	10440.59	23302.54	5825.64	29128.18	20882.66	5220.67	26103.33
19.	Punjab	116.32	1359.41	339.85	1699.26	2736.89	684.22	3421.11
20.	Rajasthan	6647.90	15068.49	3767.12	18835.61	14680.78	3670.20	18350.98
21.	Sikkim	92.83	151.01	37.75	188.76	151.02	37.76	188.78
22.	Tamil Nadu	3149.13	22202.35	5550.59	27752.94	22770.38	5692.60	28462.98
23.	Tripura	70.40	429.52	107.38	536.90	899.84	224.96	1124.80
24.	Uttar Pradesh	10956.78	59501.41	14875.35	74376.76	63112.98	15778.25	78891.23
25.	West Bengal	9150.56	24328.42	6082.11	30410.53	23225.92	5806.48	29032.40
26.	A & N Island	0.00	152.70	0.00	152.70	152.70	0.00	152.70
27.	D & N Haveli	11.87	82.89	0.00	82.89	81.47	0.00	81.47
28.	Daman & Diu	28.37	48.83	0.00	48.83	36.60	0.00	36.60
29.	Lakshdweep	20.18	76.55	0.00	76.55	76.06	0.00	76.06
30.	Pondicherry	203.71	149.47	0.00	149.47	149.45	0.00	149.65
	Total	104754.73	350256.00	87436.39	437692.39	349752.98	87314.18	437067.16

Statement-I (II)

S.No.	State/UTs.	Resources Available (Utilised Balance+ Released)	Resources Utilised	%Age Utilisation	Employment Generation (Lakh Mandays)		
					Target	Achievement	%Ach.
1	2	10	11	12	13	14	15
1.	Andhra Pradesh	41007.45	36264.38	88.43	1145.23	812.25	70.92
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	371.88	222.22	59.76	9.38	5.58	59.49

1	2	10	11	12	13	14	15
3.	Assam	13130.66	10386.94	79.10	211.97	263.29	124.21
4.	Bihar	80561.16	50731.49	62.97	1340.30	986.88	73.63
5.	Goa	539.74	372.24	68.97	7.84	6.45	82.27
6.	Gujarat	17351.71	14166.06	81.64	240.49	258.48	107.48
7.	Haryana	3201.54	2583.42	80.69	33.29	33.96	102.01
8.	Himachal Pradesh	1637.00	1150.10	70.26	28.68	28.87	100.66
9.	J & K	5208.23	3813.23	73.22	117.10	88.04	75.18
10.	Karnataka	29715.60	23746.02	79.91	513.65	499.67	97.28
11.	Kerala	7172.66	7234.60	100.86	97.10	101.01	104.03
12.	Madhya Pradesh	63042.27	50503.16	80.11	1015.23	1075.25	105.91
13.	Maharashtra	69170.93	36760.33	74.76	1119.13	1100.73	98.36
14.	Manipur	770.37	370.54	48.10	5.78	7.16	123.88
15.	Meghalaya	995.54	407.31	40.91	7.82	8.50	108.70
16.	Mizoram	353.56	336.38	95.14	4.08	5.72	140.20
17.	Nagaland	631.10	410.70	65.08	11.51	8.47	73.59
18.	Orissa	36543.92	25542.96	69.90	676.65	604.51	89.34
19.	Punjab	3537.43	1673.48	47.31	25.39	24.36	95.94
20.	Rajasthan	24998.88	19909.63	79.64	497.35	545.58	109.70
21.	Sikkim	281.61	189.21	67.19	6.19	7.03	113.57
22.	Tamil Nadu	31612.11	33982.35	107.50	815.47	1027.66	126.02
23.	Tripura	1195.20	1131.61	94.68	13.19	29.02	220.02
24.	Uttar Pradesh	89848.01	74606.88	83.04	1298.55	1395.94	107.50
25.	West Bengal	38182.96	22856.99	78.19	613.39	580.82	94.69
26.	A & N Island	152.70	161.26	105.61	2.46	2.59	105.28
27.	D & N Haveli	93.34	91.41	97.93	2.29	2.07	90.39
28.	Daman & Diu	64.97	27.36	42.11	1.48	0.55	37.16
29.	Lakshdweep	96.24	80.27	83.41	1.38	1.91	138.41
30.	Pondicherry	353.16	121.21	34.32	3.08	4.72	153.25
	Total	541821.89	426833.14	78.78	9865.45	9517.07	96.47

Statement-II (i)

Financial Progress under JRY (Ist + IInd Stream) during 1995-96.

S.No.	State/UTs	Unutilised Balance As on 1.4.95	Total Allocation			Resources Released		
			Centre	State	Total	Centre	State	Total
			(Rs. in Lakhs)					
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
1.	Andhra Pradesh	4743.07	29785.92	7446.48	37232.40	28746.57	7186.64	35933.21
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	149.66	263.66	65.92	329.58	243.58	60.90	304.48
3.	Assam	2743.72	8656.14	2164.04	10820.18	7719.76	1929.94	9649.70
4.	Bihar	29829.67	62878.54	15719.64	78598.18	54418.13	13604.53	68022.66
5.	Goa	167.50	284.87	71.22	356.09	284.87	71.22	356.09
6.	Gujarat	3185.65	11803.29	2950.82	14754.11	11085.63	2771.41	13857.04
7.	Haryana	618.12	2718.62	679.66	3398.28	2988.62	747.16	3735.78
8.	Himachal Pradesh	486.90	919.27	229.82	1149.09	977.02	244.26	1221.28
9.	J & K	1395.00	2704.80	676.20	3381.00	2043.49	510.87	2554.36

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10.	Karnataka	5969.58	19537.93	4884.48	24422.41	19088.77	4772.19	23860.96
11.	Kerala	0.00	6423.47	1605.87	8029.34	7785.29	1946.32	9731.61
12.	Madhya Pradesh	12539.11	40895.57	10223.89	51119.46	35283.66	8820 92	44104.58
13.	Maharashtra	12410.60	33327.03	8331.76	41658.79	32701.36	8175.34	40876.70
14.	Manipur	423.86	340.36	85.09	425.45	275.83	68.96	344.79
15.	Meghalaya	588.23	397.05	99.26	496.31	332.20	83.05	415.25
16.	Mizoram	17.17	166.43	41.61	208.04	183.20	45.80	229.00
17.	Nagaland	220.40	421.02	105.26	526.28	599.49	149.87	749.36
18.	Orissa	11000.96	24514.35	6128.59	30642.94	22017.83	5504.46	27522.29
19.	Punjab	1863.95	1575.94	393.99	1969.93	787.97	196.99	984.96
20.	Rajasthan	5089.85	16660.08	4165.02	20825.10	15060.74	3765.19	18825.93
21.	Sikkim	92.40	273.54	68.39	341.93	442.52	110.63	553.15
22.	Tamil Nadu	1024.63	26107.25	6526.81	32634.06	29419.48	7354.87	36774.35
23.	Tripura	63.59	446.92	111.73	558.65	671.68	167.92	839.60
24.	Uttar Pradesh	15241.13	69750.84	17437.71	87188.55	69536.78	17384.20	86920.98
25.	West Bengal	8325.98	26630.17	6657.54	33287.71	25496.47	6374.12	31870.59
26.	A & N Island	0.00	154.18	0.00	154.18	151.14	0.00	151.14
27.	D & N Haveli	1.93	83.92	0.00	83.92	93.92	0.00	93.92
28.	Daman & Diu	42.44	49.28	0.00	49.28	59.28	0.00	59.28
29.	Lakshdweep	15.97	76.70	0.00	76.70	86.70	0.00	86.70
30.	Pondicherry	231.95	151.86	0.00	151.86	77.12	0.00	77.12
	Total	118483.02	387999.00	96870.77	484869.77	368659.10	92047.74	460706.84

Statement-II (ii)

S.No.	State/UTs.	Resources Available (Utilised Balance+ Released)	Resources Utilised	%Age Utilisation	Employment Generation (Lakh Mandays)		
					Target	Achievement	%Ach.
1	2	10	11	12	13	14	15
1.	Andhra Pradesh	40676.28	34556.90	84.96	700.08	701.57	100.21
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	454.14	357.12	78.64	7.99	8.24	103.13
3.	Assam	12393.42	9583.33	77.33	178.63	179.08	100.25
4.	Bihar	97852.33	62281.95	63.65	1245.86	1197.03	96.08
5.	Goa	523.59	363.47	69.42	7.94	8.38	105.54
6.	Gujarat	17042.69	12824.42	75.25	213.23	209.42	98.21
7.	Haryana	4353.90	3304.78	75.90	34.63	33.50	96.74
8.	Himchal Pradesh	1708.18	1001.19	58.61	24.27	21.45	88.38
9.	J & K	3949.36	2534.38	64.17	90.94	48.23	53.03
10.	Karnataka	29830.54	24908.76	83.50	491.56	524.89	106.78
11.	Kerala	9731.61	8888.24	91.33	108.01	127.75	118.28
12.	Madhya Pradesh	56643.69	42377.25	74.81	849.29	759.46	89.42
13.	Maharashtra	53287.30	39801.56	74.69	910.75	1014.47	111.39
14.	Manipur	768.65	506.22	65.86	5.78	9.34	161.59
15.	Meghalaya	1003.48	200.28	19.96	7.88	4.86	61.68

1	2	10	11	12	13	14	15
16.	Mizoram	246.17	284.56	115.59	4.15	5.20	125.30
17.	Nagaland	969.76	264.07	27.23	11.82	5.76	48.73
18.	Orissa	38523.25	28671.48	74.43	623.47	678.31	108.80
19.	Punjab	2848.91	408.38	14.33	28.25	6.44	22.80
20.	Rajasthan	23915.78	18204.39	76.12	300.89	361.72	120.22
21.	Sikkim	645.55	618.83	95.86	5.38	9.27	172.30
22.	Tamil Nadu	37798.98	39415.70	104.28	853.09	1069.75	125.40
23.	Tripura	903.19	788.23	87.27	12.40	18.43	148.63
24.	Uttar Pradesh	102162.11	83562.16	81.79	1320.54	1532.46	116.05
25.	West Bengal	40196.57	30492.80	75.86	433.38	414.75	95.70
26.	A & N Island	151.14	161.26	106.70	2.26	2.59	114.60
27.	D & N Haveli	95.85	33.18	34.62	1.42	0.64	45.07
28.	Daman & Diu	101.72	55.02	54.09	1.55	1.11	71.61
29.	Lakshdweep	102.67	40.86	39.80	1.45	1.05	72.41
30.	Pondicherry	309.07	199.85	64.66	3.16	3.10	98.10
	Total	579189.86	446690.62	77.12	8480.05	8958.25	105.64

Statement-III (i)

Financial Progress Under JRY during 1996-97

(Rs. Lakhs)

S.No.	State/UTs	Month Code	Opening Balance As on 1.4.96 (Derieved)	Total Allocation			Resources Released		
				Centre	State	Total	Centre	State	Total
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1.	Andhra Pradesh	11	5873.90	13897.91	3474.48	17372.39	14219.46	3554.87	17774.33
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	12	-6.35	142.64	35.66	178.30	71.32	17.83	89.15
3.	Assam	01	2543.37	4574.54	1143.64	5718.18	2287.27	571.82	2859.09
4.	Bihar	01	22518.94	27260.46	6815.12	34075.58	14714.75	3678.69	18393.44
5.	Goa	01	83.98	154.12	38.53	192.65	85.10	21.28	106.38
6.	Gujarat	01	3086.87	5101.00	1275.25	6376.25	4379.07	1094.77	5473.84
7.	Haryana	01	697.75	1225.45	306.36	1531.81	773.39	193.35	966.74
8.	Himachal Pradesh	12	488.35	489.73	122.43	612.16	319.99	80.00	399.99
9.	J & K	01	301.24	995.14	248.79	1243.93	815.79	203.95	1019.74
10.	Karnataka	01	2125.89	9332.27	2333.07	11665.34	8763.06	2190.77	10953.83
11.	Kerala	01	306.62	3395.33	848.83	4244.16	2526.92	631.73	3158.65
12.	Madhya Pradesh	12	8877.66	17611.61	4402.90	22014.51	14004.45	3501.11	17505.56
13.	Maharashtra	01	7775.90	15150.04	3787.51	18937.55	10485.82	2621.46	13107.28
14.	Manipur	12	246.28	182.82	45.71	228.53	126.35	31.59	157.94
15.	Meghalaya	12	750.73	213.92	53.48	267.40	106.95	26.74	133.69
16.	Mizoram	12	-1.73	90.12	22.53	112.65	84.21	21.05	105.26
17.	Nagaland	12	705.69	229.31	57.33	286.64	114.66	28.67	143.33
18.	Orissa	01	5581.19	11274.49	2818.62	14093.11	9924.28	2481.07	12405.35
19.	Punjab		2440.53	871.51	217.88	1089.39	577.87	144.47	722.34
20.	Rajasthan	01	275.59	7317.12	1829.28	9146.40	6894.76	1723.69	8618.45

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
21.	Sikkim	01	-2.35	83.49	20.87	104.36	41.75	10.44	52.19
22.	Tamil Nadu	01	-2006.81	12563.97	3140.99	15704.96	11113.41	2778.35	13891.76
23.	Tripura	12	114.92	237.46	59.37	296.83	229.91	57.48	287.39
24.	Uttar Pradesh	01	12319.87	33867.93	8466.98	42334.91	28863.54	7215.89	36079.43
25.	West Bengal	12	4799.57	12455.47	3113.87	15569.34	6717.83	1679.46	8397.29
26.	A & N Island	01	-17.08	84.41	0.00	84.41	42.21	0.00	42.21
27.	D & N Haveli	12	60.06	45.81	0.00	45.81	44.57	0.00	44.57
28.	Daman & Diu	11	30.87	26.99	0.00	26.99	26.99	0.00	26.99
29.	Lakshdweep	01	33.65	42.32	0.00	42.32	21.16	0.00	21.16
30.	Pondicherry	01	109.22	82.64	0.00	82.64	64.68	0.00	64.68
	Total		80114.32	179000.00	44679.46	223679.48	138441.52	34560.48	******

Statement-III (II)

S.No.	State/UTs.	Resources Available (Utilised Balance+ Released)	Resources Utilised	%Age Utilisation	Annual Target	Achievement	% Age Ach.
1	2	11	12	13	14	15	16
1.	Andhra Pradesh	23648.23	10147.94	42.91	373.67	184.85	49.47
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	82.80	87.32	105.46	4.42	1.15	26.02
3.	Assam	5402.46	2694.37	49.87	98.77	54.58	55.26
4.	Bihar	40912.38	23548.64	57.56	489.25	354.71	72.50
5.	Goa	190.36	213.95	112.40	4.39	4.91	111.85
6.	Gujarat	8560.71	3737.11	43.65	109.14	67.47	61.82
7.	Haryana	1664.49	1082.83	65.05	15.73	9.84	62.56
8.	Himachal Pradesh	888.34	408.60	46.00	7.63	7.38	96.72
9.	J & K	1320.98	644.61	48.80	47.27	20.91	44.24
10.	Karnataka	13079.72	7471.66	57.12	255.74	154.81	60.53
11.	Kerala	3465.27	2629.05	75.87	59.73	32.71	54.76
12.	Madhya Pradesh	26383.22	11961.01	45.34	444.97	217.21	48.81
13.	Maharashtra	20883.18	9985.45	47.82	469.32	251.20	53.52
14.	Manipur	404.22	134.57	33.29	3.20	3.00	93.75
15.	Meghalaya	884.42	258.96	29.28	4.35	5.06	116.32
16.	Mizoram	103.53	84.93	82.03	2.29	1.48	64.63
17.	Nagaland	849.02	164.41	19.36	6.54	4.18	63.91
18.	Orissa	17986.54	10164.03	56.51	321.32	224.89	69.99
19.	Punjab	3162.87			15.42		0.00
20.	Rajasthan	8894.04	5214.12	58.62	162.92	102.84	63.12
21.	Sikkim	49.84	145.79	292.53	1.49	2.17	145.64
22.	Tamil Nadu	11884.95	10565.05	88.89	406.90	256.78	63.11
23.	Tripura	402.31	662.00	164.55	6.35	14.85	233.86
24.	Uttar Pradesh	48399.30	27568.07	56.96	603.21	504.35	83.61
25.	West Bengal	13196.86	8714.16	66.03	221.86	125.83	56.72
26.	A & N Island	25.13	28.57	0.00	1.25	0.45	36.00
27.	D & N Haveli	104.63	21.63	20.67	0.65	0.51	78.46

1	2	11	12	13	14	15	16
28.	Daman & Diu	57.86	15.11	26.11	0.85	0.27	31.76
29.	Lakshdweep	54.81	31.31	57.12	0.80	0.57	71.25
30.	Pondicherry	173.90	91.82	52.80	1.74	1.16	66.67
	Total	253116.32	138477.07	54.71	4141.37	2610.12	63.03

Kerosene Depot

2856. SHRI N.K. PREMCHANDRAN : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Matsyafed in Kerala has applied for sanction for opening Kerosene depots at certain important locations;

(b) whether the Government have recorded any clearance for the same;

(c) if so, the locations in which these are proposed to be opened; and

(d) whether Matsyafed is allowed to improt duty free multifilament yarn and twine?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) A request was earlier received from the Government of Kerala for allotment of Kerosene wholesale dealerships to Matsyafed at five locations, namely, Vizhinjam (Trivandrum), Neendakara (Kollam), Valanjavazhi (Alappuzha), Puthiyappad (Kozhiakode) and Ponnani (Malappuram). The State Government was advised that Matsyafed should apply in response to the advertisements of the oil companies subject to their meeting the eligibility criteria.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

[Translation]

Employment Guarantee Scheme

2857. SHRI JAYSINH CHAUHAN : Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have cleared the proposal for implementing the Employment Guarantee Scheme in all the Blocks of the country;

(b) If so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of Blocks in which the said Scheme has been implemented so far;

(d) the minimum number of days in a year for which the persons of poor families in villages are provided employment under the said scheme and the number of persons who are provided employment under the said scheme; and

(e) the expenditure likely to be incurred by each block for the implementation of the said Scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRADEO PRASAD VARMA) : (a) Yes, Sir. Government have decided to implement the Employment Assurance Scheme in all the blocks of the country.

(b) It has been decided to extend EAS to all the non-EAS blocks of the country within 2 years. Accordingly, EAS has been extended to 1123 blocks of the country and funds at the rate of Rs. 20 lakhs per block has been released to the District Rural Development Agencies to implement the scheme. The remaining blocks of the country will be covered during 1997-98.

(c) So far, the EAS is being implemented in 4329 blocks of the country.

(d) The purpose of the scheme is to provide 100 days labour employment, during the off season, to all those who are needy and who have registered their names with the Panchayats for the employment. So far 235 lack people have been registered under the scheme.

(e) The employment assurence scheme is a demand based scheme, therefore, no allocation has been made for any state/block. The expenditure on each block depends on the demand of labour employment.

Alternative Fuel

2858. SHRI AMAR PAL SINGH : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have any scheme to run the vehicles with alcohol as done in Brazil;

(b) if so, the time by which the Government propose to implement the same; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) to (c) No Sir. However, Government have set up a committee under the chairmanship of Secretary, Ministry of Food to examine the possibility of mixing alcohol produced by Sugar Manufacturing/Distillery units with petrol/diesel for use as motor fuel.

Space Centre

2859. SHRI DHIRENDRA AGARWAL : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to send any Indian cosmonaut in space by launching the rocket from Sriharikota Space Centre;